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REMARKS

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1. On 4 and 5 December 1953 the KVP installation at Golm near Potsdam quartered an estimated 800 to 1,000 men who wore red and yellow-bordered black epaulets. The installation was not occupied to capacity. On 5 December, 120 men were seen doing close-order drill in the billeting area. No heavy weapons were seen.

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2. The former Unteroffiziersschule Eiche near Potsdam quartered an estimated 400 men. Soldiers seen there wore light-red epaulets. The unit reportedly was a guard battalion of the SSD in Potsdam. A building of the installation, which had been destroyed during the war, was reconstructed. However, it was not yet in use. No heavy weapons were observed in the installation.

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3. the commanding officer at the KVP barracks installation at Potsdam-Golm was named Meisel and lived on Lenin Allee in Potsdam. Chief of staff of the unit was one Neumann (fnu), who wore crimson collar patches. Soldiers seen at the installation wore crimson, black-bordered red and yellow-bordered black epaulets.

4. During the period from 13 November through 24 December the KVP personnel stationed at the Ruinenberg Kaserne in Potsdam increased from an estimated 500 to 600 men to approximately 1,000 men. Soldiers seen there wore black-bordered red and red-bordered black collar patches. Prior to late November, only maintenance and clearing-up work was observed at the installation. Training activity was started in early December. about 40 trucks and 15 sedans parked in the billeting area.

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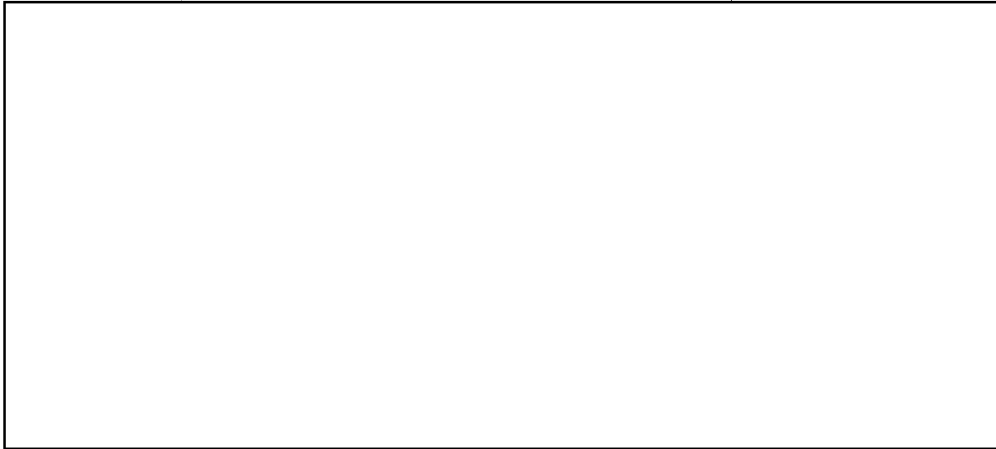
5. The barracks installation at Golm near Potsdam quartered a KVP unit of undetermined strength. Soldiers seen there wore black-bordered red, red-bordered black and black-bordered blue collar patches. On 9 December, about 80 soldiers who carried field equipment arrived at the installation from the direction of Wildpark.

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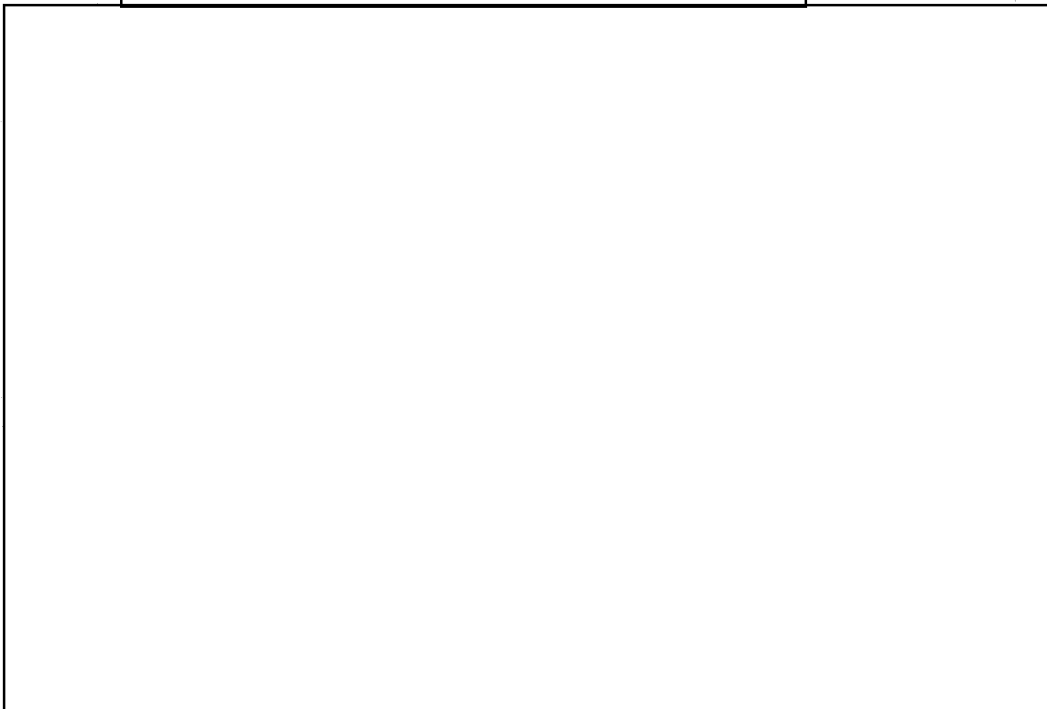
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- 25X1 6. Between 4 and 23 November, the Garde-du-Corps Kaserne in Potsdam apparently
 25X1 quartered only a KVP guard detail of about 15 men. Between 25 November 1953
 and 5 January 1954, it quartered about 100 men who wore yellow-bordered
 25X1 black and blue-bordered black collar patches.
 25X1 the unit involved was a motor transport
 school. During the Christmas holidays, only half of the windows of the
 installation were lighted. The evening of 4 January, all the windows were
 lighted.



- 25X1 7. During the period under review, the Leibgarde Husaren Kaserne still quartered
 25X1 200 to 250 KVPs, almost exclusively NCOs who wore a silver A on their epau-
 lets. The NCOs belonged to various branches of service. The southern
 portion of the installation still quartered about 100 Soviet soldiers. No
 training activity was observed. On 31 December, sedan entered the
 installation through its southern gate.

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8. The Ruinenberg Kaserne quartered an estimated 1,000 men who wore blue-bordered black, red-bordered black and yellow-bordered black collar patches. Construction work was still under way at the installation and no training activity was seen. In mid-November [redacted] six canvas-covered tanks and four assault guns in a corner of the installation.

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9. [redacted] at the Ruinenberg Kaserne [redacted] the unit located there was referred to as 1st Grundeinheit Potsdam II. Quartering buildings were overcrowded. In most EM dormitories, beds were arranged in tiers. One of the former stables was converted into a kitchen and into messhalls. About 50 percent of the unit were given Christmas leave, while the remainder was sent on leave over New Year.³

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1. [redacted] Comment. The barracks installation at Golm quarters elements of Mechanized Bereitschaft Potsdam including presumably its signal battalion and the reconnaissance battalion.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The installation involved temporarily quartered a KVP unit. Elements of the SSD guard battalion are committed in Frankfurt/Oder.

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3. [redacted] Comment. The Ruinenberg Kaserne quarters the 2d Mecz Regt of Bereitschaft Potsdam, which, prior to October 1953, used several barracks installations in Potsdam.

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4. [redacted] Comment. The occupation of the Garde-du-Corps Kaserne is still unknown. It is believed that small component units of Mechanized Bereitschaft Potsdam are stationed there. [redacted] the KVP motor transport officer school moved from Halle to Potsdam. The correctness of this statement is supported by the observations made at the installation.

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